

Alumnae News Letter

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Dr. Barber, the husband of the late Marie Scott Barber, '21, sent the following poem to Miss Warren, public relations director of the Hospital and she sent it to us. We are incorporating it in this issue as a memorium to her —

IN RETROSPECT

My blue uniform I wore for many a day
For years has been folded and packed away.
But in those folds, many memories abide —
A laugh, a tear, a suicide
A baby smile, a father's joy —
And was he glad it was a boy
A wrinkled face, a toiled, gnarled hand
All these I have at my command
A pang of fear, a ray of hope
A mind befogged by too much dope.
Sisters of Mercy they say are we
But that is not what it meant to me
The gratitude of a mother's face
The clasp of a hand in death's embrace
A word of courage and then adieu
And it seemed such a little thing to do.
I left all these to be a doctor's wife,
But I'll carry the memories the rest of my life.
To have helped my fellow man in my own small way
Is to have been blessed by God is what I say.
Oh, Lord, when I cross the bar
Would you please give me just one little star
To place in my cap, with my uniform new,
In the city above where the Head Nurse is You.

by Marie Scott Barber, "Scotty", '21

IN MEMORIUM TO HELEN V. DRAKE

To the early graduates of the School of Nursing, word of the death of Helen V. Drake, at 93 years, on February 7, will bring back memories of her friendship and kindness to the young school. Pieces of handsome furniture from the Drake family home were a part of Sprague Home until the move to the new residence on Harrision Street. Birthdays of the school were brighter for the festive cakes which came from the pastry kitchen of The Drake Hotel.

Miss Drake was the oldest member in years of service on the Women's Board of Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital. Her brother John is a senior member of the Men's Board of the Hospital.

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Geraldine Davis who is living in Tucson, Ariz. where she is working in the office of a general practitioner wrote that she had met Myra Charle Saynders, '23. Out of this meeting came a reunion of Pres. grads on Nov. 11, 1959. Those present were — Agnes Link, '23 who runs a flower shop, Adelaide Rice, '23 private duty, Dorothy Hassinen Hausmann, '33, Lucy Jo Brusch Kosanke, '42, Dorothy Dal Eyerly, '21, Thelma Smith Edgar, '29, Elisabeth Haydea, '06, and Mary Lovejoy Skinner, '19.

Helen Harder has been separated from the Army Nurse Corps after thirteen months of duty in Korea.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Christopherson (Gloria Auerbach) a daughter Caron Jean born Feb. 28, 1960, Stanley, N. Dak.

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Elizabeth Konrad has been appointed director of in-service training at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. During the past summer she traveled in Europe and spent a month at a World Council of Churches work-shop near Vienna, Austria where the workers helped to erect a Protestant Church.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Linroth (Christine Fotos) a son, Mark Andrew born Nov. 30, 1959.

Frieda Paul Atkinson and family are in Antwerp, Belgium. Her husband is studying tropical diseases and the family are studying French in preparation to entering the Belgium Congo next year. They have a new daughter Ruth Lillian born Nov. 10, 1959.

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Favenesi (Gertrude Alderson) a son James Alan born Nov. 25, 1959.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morrow (Alice Poulin) a son James Alan born May 6, 1959, Thornton, Ill.

Lea Sprain Andria and family are in Rockford, Ill. where her husband has started his practice in orthodontia.

Elizabeth Wiedrich Dees and family have moved to Bishop Hill, Ill. where her husband is the pastor of the Community Methodist Church, and also in Galva. They had a new daughter, Rebekah Frances born June 18, 1959.

Faith Schule Jones and family have moved into a new home in North Aurora, Ill. They have a daughter Laurel Ann born Mar. 22, 1959 at Pres.-St. Luke's.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Mueller (Grace Knueppel) a daughter born Nov. 6, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Maxwell (Mary Ann McCaffrey) a daughter Lisa Sue born Feb. 20, 1959. They also have a three year old son, Wade.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Fox (Anne Kapheim) a son Mark Steven born April 17, 1959. She works part time in Community Memorial Hospital, LaGrange, Ill.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the last Board of Directors' meeting we discussed the progress of the possible merger between our Alumnae and St. Luke's Alumnae. Mrs. Marie H. Suthers, parliamentarian, has been assisting the Co-ordinating Committee. She has been most helpful and considerable progress has been made. Legal council is provided by our lawyer, Mr. Spencer Irons, and the lawyer representing the St. Luke's Association. Several meetings of the committee will be held in May. The by-laws have been drafted and the committee is now working on a Plan of Merger which will be sent to each member for their consideration. It is the hope of the Co-ordinating Committee that the Alumnae members will approve the merger by September, 1960.

We are currently planning with the St. Luke's Alumnae to entertain the 1960 Graduating class of the new school, Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, at a dinner and fashion show at the Heather House of Carson Pirie Scott and Co. on June 3 at 6:00 PM. I would like to encourage our Alumnae members to attend the Dinner and Fashion Show.

As representative of our Alumnae I attended a two day workshop on the new school program. It was held at the Nurses' Residence and well attended by representatives from forty-nine schools of nursing in the state of Illinois. The purpose of the workshop was to acquaint other schools of nursing, as well as representatives from the Alumnae Associations, Woman's Board, Department of Registration and Education of Illinois with the complete school program. Almost everyone who attended was enthused and one of our future News Letters will contain an article on the school program.

We have been receiving contributions to the C. B. McNeill Scholarship Fund, and hope they will continue to be forthcoming.

Anne R. Kimmel

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Many persons today honor birthdays and anniversaries by sending contributions to their favorite educational funds. Many others find deep satisfaction in making memorial contributions, thereby serving the living and paying thoughtful tribute to the memory of a loved one. Why not help your fund by so doing? An acknowledgement will be sent to the family or friend and the amount of the gift will be held in confidence.

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